

Remarks

Claims 1-78 are pending and at issue in the present application.

Applicants hereby elect for prosecution in the present application the claims of Group I, including claims 1-46 and 71-78.

By this amendment, applicants seek to correct the description of FIG. 25A as being an enlarged isometric view of the valve illustrated in FIGS. 25 and 26. Support for this change is present at page 16, lines 1-14 of the specification, which, together with the consistent numbering in FIGS. 25, 25A and 26, clarify that all of such Figures illustrate the same apparatus. With this change applicants contend that Species D should be directed to the subject matter of Figures 16-26 and 25A, and applicants hereby elect such species for prosecution in the present application.

In further accordance with the examiner's request, applicants also elect Subspecies D4 of FIG. 30. It is contended that claims 1-6, 8, 14-19, 21, 27-35, and 37 read on the elected species and subspecies.

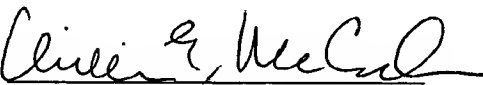
The examiner is requested to hold the non-elected claims in abeyance pending the filing of one or more divisional applications.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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